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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 18 July 2019 submitting the proposal from the Government of Mongolia for the proclamation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, to be presented at the next 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), which will be held from 28 September to 2 October 2020 at FAO's headquarters in Rome, Italy.

In line with FAO's rules and procedures, upon approval by COAG Member Countries, the proposal would subsequently be submitted for endorsement to the FAO Council, and, finally, to the FAO Conference.

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cc: His Excellency  
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I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the 41<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference, held in June 2019, adopted the resolutions for the following International Years: 2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, 2023 International Year of Millets and 2025 International Year of Rye. These resolutions will be submitted for final approval to the next General Assembly of the United Nations, to be held in New York in September-October 2019.

I invite the Government of Mongolia to continue to liaise with the COAG Secretariat for the presentation of the proposal to the COAG Session in 2020. The COAG Secretariat will be ready to provide any further information and clarification on the process.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Government of Mongolia for this initiative.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

**José Graziano da Silva**  
(Director-General)